

Levee district of Arkansas, within the State of Arkansas, is hereby expressed and given. The laws of the State of Arkansas levying said special assessments and providing for the enforcement of such levy and the establishment of a lien and of all remedies pertaining thereto are expressly made applicable to the lands described in this Act: *Provided*, That no levy, assessment, or collection of any special assessment shall attach or be applicable to any lands of the United States, nor permit the collection of any special assessment for such tax from the United States Government, nor from any entryman or person as to any such lands until the date when the entryman or purchaser shall become entitled to a patent from the United States for such land. Such levy, special assessment, or tax shall not operate against the Government of the United States, and shall only operate and take effect and be in force when and if the equitable title to any particular tract of land involved shall have passed from the United States to such entryman or purchaser, and such entryman or purchaser shall have become entitled to patent therefor.

State laws applicable.

Proviso.
Not applicable to Government lands, etc.

SEC. 2. That all the Acts, levies, assessments, and proceedings in substantial accordance with the laws of Arkansas, and all levies and assessments of benefits against lands, the equitable title to which had passed as provided in section 1 of this Act, are hereby cured and confirmed, and the same shall not be set aside, vacated, or annulled by any court for want of jurisdiction or any irregularity in the proceedings based upon the want of authority now conferred by this Act.

Acts, etc., in accordance with Arkansas laws, confirmed, etc.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be available to the Saint Francis Levee district of Arkansas, and to any drainage district within the boundaries of the Saint Francis Levee district heretofore or hereafter created, as expressing the consent of the Government to the special assessments fixed substantially in accordance with the laws of Arkansas and this Act.

Consent of the Government to the special assessments fixed by State laws and this Act.

SEC. 4. That in all cases where there has been a foreclosure of the liens of any improvement district and said lands have been purchased by the said districts, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon proof of such sale and purchase and upon the payment of the sum of \$5 per acre, together with the usual fees and commissions charged entry of lands under the homestead laws, where such payment has not heretofore been made, to execute to said district or districts a patent to said lands; and in all cases of future foreclosures and purchases by said districts it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon the payment of a like sum and proof of the foreclosure and purchase by the said districts, to execute to them patents for the lands so purchased upon the expiration of the period of redemption in the areas in Mississippi and Poinsett Counties described in the Act of January 17, 1920.

Lands purchased by districts under foreclosure of liens, to be patented thereto on payment for, etc.

Similar action for lands in Mississippi and Poinsett Counties on exemption of redemption periods.

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SEC. 5. If any portion of this Act be held unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Act.

Invalidity of any portion not to affect remainder of Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and shall take effect forthwith.

Effective forthwith and conflicting laws repealed.

Approved, February 28, 1929.

CHAP. 384.—An Act Amending the Act approved May 4, 1926, providing for the construction and maintenance of bathing pools or beaches in the District of Columbia.

February 28, 1929.
[H. R. 5758.]
[Public, No. 861.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of artificial bathing pools or beaches in the District of Columbia," approved May 4, 1926

District of Columbia.
Bathing pools.

Vol. 44, p. 394, amended.

Construction authorized of six artificial bathing pools.

Buildings, altered water, etc.

Limit of cost. Sums authorized.

Control, etc., may be transferred to the District Commissioners.

Operation, etc., otherwise, by Director of Public Buildings, etc.

Fees authorized, for credit of the District.

(Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 394), is hereby amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to locate and construct in the District of Columbia, subject to the approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts, as appropriations shall be provided therefor, artificial bathing pools or beaches, not exceeding 6 in number, with suitable buildings, shower baths, lockers, provisions for the use of filtered water, purification of the water, and all things necessary for the proper conduct of such pools or beaches, and to conduct, and maintain the same. The cost of construction of any of these pools or beaches, with buildings and equipment, shall not exceed \$150,000 each, and the appropriation of the sums necessary for the purposes named is hereby authorized to be paid in like manner as other appropriations for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. The Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital may, in the interest of economy and good administration, with the consent of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, transfer for such period as he shall determine, to said commissioners the possession, control, and maintenance of any of said bathing pools or beaches. Otherwise they shall be operated and maintained by the said Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks, and in either case the official conducting any bathing pool or beach is hereby authorized to charge and collect a reasonable fee for the use and enjoyment of such pool or beach, such fees to be paid weekly to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia for deposit in the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Approved, February 28, 1929.

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[S. 1168.]

[Public, No. 862.]

CHAP. 385.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the collection and editing of official papers of the Territories of the United States now in the national archives," approved March 3, 1925.

Official papers of the Territories. Vol. 43, p. 1104, amended.

Continuance of collecting, editing, etc., for issue as a Government publication.

Employment of historical experts.

Edition to be printed and bound. Distribution by Department of State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the collection and editing of official papers of the Territories of the United States now in the national archives," approved March 3, 1925, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State be ordered to continue the work of collecting, copying, arranging, and editing of the official papers relating to the Territories of the United States and to have them issued as a Government publication."

SEC. 3. For defraying the expenses to be incurred in carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this Act, including the employment, either in or outside of the District of Columbia, of not to exceed five historical experts, especially informed on the various phases of the territorial history of the United States, without regard to the Classification Act of 1923 and the civil service rules, and for the printing and binding of an edition of 1,950 copies for the Department of State, of which 6 copies shall be delivered to each Senator and 2 copies to each Representative, and 8 copies for each State or Territory to be distributed to historical associations, commissions, museums or libraries and to other nondepository libraries therein designated by the Governor of each State or Territory, 4 copies for the library of the Department of the Interior, and the remainder of said 1,950 shall be for the use of the Department of State, and a sufficient number of copies for distribution by the